

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A computer-implemented methodology for transacting business over a network, including:
 - at least one computer executing instructions for carrying out a method comprising:
 - offering a plurality of deals for at least one of a product and service offered by at least one seller, each of the plurality of deals includes at least one seller criteria;
 - inputting a plurality of price and non-price buying criteria by a buyer for the at least one of a product and service, the non-price criteria including at least one distribution criterion;
 - correlating the deals for at least one of a product and service offered by the at least one seller to the price and non-price buying criteria inputted by a buyer;
 - notifying the seller of the particular product or service when the buying criteria does not match the seller criteria; and
 - outputting a list of deals in real time from amongst the plurality of deals that match the buying criteria of the buyer.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of deals is based on a plurality of selling criteria defined by the seller.
3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein each of the plurality of selling criteria defined by the seller includes an offering criteria which defines limits of each of the plurality of selling criteria defined by the seller.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein each of the plurality of buying criteria inputted by the buyer includes an ordering criteria which defines the limits of each of the plurality of buying criteria inputted by the buyer.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the list of deals from amongst the plurality of deals that match the buying criteria of the buyer are the deals which the ordering criteria of the buyer match the offering criteria of the seller.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the seller can add additional selling criteria to each of the plurality of deals.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of buying criteria inputted by the buyer includes an ordering criteria which defines the limits of each of the plurality of buying criteria inputted by the buyer.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the list of deals from amongst the plurality of deals that match the buying criteria of the buyer are the deals which match the ordering criteria of the buyer.
- 9-38 (Cancelled)
39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein a distribution criterion includes at least one of seller reputation, reliability, timeliness, delivery options, financing options, and warranties.

40. (Previously presented) A method of transacting business over the Internet, comprising:
at least one computer executing instructions for carrying out a method comprising:
hosting a web site that facilitates an Internet based transaction for a sale of at least one of a good and a service;
providing access *via* the web site to at least one buyer and at least one seller to carry out the sale, the at least one seller outputs a list of deals in real time when a plurality of price and non-price buying criteria defined by the buyer matches a plurality of price and non-price selling criteria defined by the seller, wherein the buyer's non-price criteria includes at least one distribution criterion; and
alerting the seller of a particular product or service when buyer defined criteria fail to match seller defined criteria.
41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising defining the plurality of selling criteria by including offering criteria which defines limits of the each of the plurality of selling criteria defined by the seller.
42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising defining the plurality of buying criteria by including ordering criteria which defines limits of the each of the plurality of buying criteria defined by the seller.
43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising purchasing at least one good or service from the seller when the ordering criteria of the buyer matches the offering criteria of the seller.
44. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising receiving a discount on the purchase based on a previous purchase made by the at least one buyer from the at least one seller.
45. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising limiting the commercial transaction to particular buyers that meet and accept terms and conditions governing the sale.

46. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, wherein the at least one seller can review other buyer defined buying criteria not used in the matching of the plurality of buying criteria and the plurality of selling criteria.

47. (Previously presented) A computer implemented method for conducting business electronically, comprising:

- linking at least one seller and at least one buyer via a computer system;

- providing the buyer a plurality of deals from the seller, each deal has different seller defined price and non-price selling criteria;

- matching at least one deal of the plurality of deals that meets at least one buyer defined price and non-price buying criteria, the non-price criteria including at least one distribution criterion;

- informing the seller of a particular product or service when buyer defined criteria differ from seller defined criteria;

- outputting a list of the one or more matching deals to the buyer in real time; and

- receiving one or more orders from one or more deals from at least one buyer *via* the computer system.

48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 47, further comprising configuring a server to provide the plurality of different buyers access to view the at least one of the plurality of deals *via* one or more of the at least one remote computers.

49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 47, further comprising configuring a server to provide the plurality of different buyers with deals that the buyer defined buying criteria match the seller defined selling criteria.

50. (Previously presented) A system that facilitates electronic sale of a product or service, comprising:

- means for offering a list of deals electronically to potential buyers, each deal contains both selling criteria and offering criteria for a product or service;

- means for receiving from the potential buyer both buying criteria and ordering criteria;

- means for matching offering criteria to ordering criteria; and

- means for conducting a sale of the product or service in real time when the offering criteria matches the ordering criteria and informing the seller when buying criteria does not match selling criteria.

51. (Previously presented) A method for conducting web-based transactions comprising the following computer-implemented acts:

- connecting potential sellers of a particular good or service with potential buyers through a computer system;

- receiving a query from a potential buyer including both buyer criteria and order criteria;

- displaying in real time any deals where the order criteria from the potential buyer correspond to offer criteria from a potential seller; and

- providing the potential seller with buyer criteria that fail to match any seller criteria.

52. (Previously presented) A method for conducting web-based transactions comprising the following computer-implemented acts:

- displaying to a potential buyer a list of goods or services offered by a potential seller, the displaying including both seller criteria and offer criteria;

- displaying seller criteria based upon a selection of a particular good or service from the list, the seller criteria is determined prior to receiving buyer criteria;

- receiving both order criteria and buyer criteria for the selected good or service;

- outputting in real time offers in which the offer criteria matches the order criteria; and

- reporting to a seller of the selected good or service buyer criteria that does not match seller criteria.

53. (Previously presented) The method of claim 52, further comprising defining the seller criteria as a set of minimum inputs based upon a determination by at least one of a system administrator and subset of the plurality of sellers, the subset including sellers of the selected good or service.
54. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, the at least one seller criteria is determined prior to receiving the buying criteria.
55. (Previously presented) The system of claim 50, the selling criteria are received from the potential seller and the selling criteria describe both a price and non-price feature of the product or service.
56. (Previously presented) The system of claim 50, the buying criteria are received from the potential buyer and the buying criteria describe both a price and non-price feature of the product or service.
57. (Previously presented) The system of claim 50, the offering criteria define a value or range of the selling criteria.
58. (Previously presented) The system of claim 50, the ordering criteria define a value or range of the buying criteria.
59. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, the act of inputting a plurality of price and non-price buying criteria occurs prior to a negotiation or acceptance between the buyer and the seller and/or the act of notifying the seller of the particular product or service occurs after a negotiation or acceptance is completed.
60. (Currently amended) The method of claim 47, further comprising omitting from the act of matching the buyer defined criteria that differ from the seller defined criteria₂ and alerting a particular seller of the buyer defined criteria that differs when the particular seller does perform the act of outputting a list to the buyer.

61. (Currently amended) The method of claim 47, further comprising omitting from the act of matching the buyer defined criteria that differ from the seller defined criteria; and alerting a particular seller of the buyer defined criteria that differs when the particular seller does not perform the act of outputting a list to the buyer.